

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Cheating consumers through advertisements

†*41. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cases of cheating of consumers through attractive but illusive advertisements;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ban such advertisements;

(c) whether there is any proposal to constitute a National Consumer Protection Regulatory Authority in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to consider any such suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No specific instances of cheating of this kind have come to the notice of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(c) There is a proposal to set up a National Consumer Protection Authority.

(d) The Authority will adjudicate on complaints impacting a class of consumers.

(e) The question does not arise in view of (c) above.

Forest clearances on Fast Track

*45. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put in place a new policy and system to "FAST-TRACK" all the forest clearances;

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